REMARKS

The claims are 1 to 18.

The above amendment eliminates multiple dependency to reduce PTO filing fees and presents new claims 12 to 18 to provide more comprehensive protection.

Favorable action is now requested.

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